GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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FUNDING OF MILITANTS
DALPAT SINGH PARASTE;SHYAMA SINGH

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been flow of funds from UK to terrorist outfits in Jammu & Kashmir as reported in the Indian Express and the Hindustan Times dated June 27, 2002 and June 10, 2002 respectively;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) whether the Government have taken up the matter with UK to check such funding to militants; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the other steps the Government propose to take to in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. There are credible reports of continued fund raising in the UK by supporters of terrorist organizations operating in India under the garb of promoting humanitarian causes.

(c) & (d) The U.K. Government had been fully sensitized on this matter. The Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs has stated in Parliament that the `Police is investigating all credible allegations of fund raising for such groups and will take action when there is sufficient evidence to do so`. Government will continue to pursue this matter at appropriate levels with the British authorities.